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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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 Jacques MÜLLER et al.)
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 Serial No.: _____ (corresponding)
 To PCT/CH99/00387 filed 24 August)
 1999))
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 Filed: Herewith)
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 For: ELECTRONIC TIMEPIECE)
 INCLUDING A TIME RELATED)
 DATA ITEM BASED ON A)
 DECIMAL SYSTEM)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**BOX: PATENT APPLICATION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculating the filing fee, please amend the above-captioned application
 as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, between lines 13 and 14, insert the following new paragraph:

a1 -- US Patent No. 4 926 400 describes an electronic timepiece in accordance with
 the preamble part of independent claim 1. This timepiece allows the display of a first
 time related data item based on the H-M-S system and of a second time related data
 item based on a non-decimal system in which time is divided into twenty-five 25ths of
 a day. In accordance with table 1, column 3, of this document, one day (24 hours) is
 divided into 25 "hours" of 60 "minutes" each, each "minute" including 57.6 seconds.
 Every "minute", 2.4 seconds are thus "saved" so as to form an additional simulated
 hour. The display modes of the "24h" and "25h" time related data items are identical.
 Without any complementary indications, the user of such a timepiece will not be able to
 clearly differentiate between these two time related data items. --